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For: THIN FILM HEAD, PRODUCING METHOD THEREOF AND  
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in  
connection with the above-identified application in response to the Office Action  
dated July 16, 2003.

**Amendments to the Claims**

**Remarks** are provided following the amendments.